GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF FERTILIZER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fertilizer plants set up during the Ninth Plan and proposed to be set up during the Tenth Plan, State-wise; location-wise;

(b) the installed production capacity of each of aforesaid units; and

(c) the time by which their commercial production is expected to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SH. S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) : As per the industrial policy resolution dated 24th July, 1991, no license is normally required for setting up /expansion of fertilizer plants. Entrepreneurs are free to set up/expand fertilizer projects anywhere in the country subject to environmental clearance. However, Public Sector Undertakings/Cooperative Societies under theadministrative control of Department of Fertilizers have to obtain approval of the Government before undertaking such capital expenditure beyond their delegated powers. The details of major domestic fertilizer projects commissioned during ninth plan period and under implementation at present, indicating their additional production capacity, location, month/year of commissioning etc., are given in the enclosed Annexure.

In the public/cooperative sector, the following proposed urea projects each with annual production capacity of 7.68 lakh tonnes were approved in principle by the Government in April 1999 subject to investment appraisal of these projects by the Public Investment Board (PIB):-

i) Expansion of Hazira plant of KRIBHCO in Gujarat.

ii) A new urea plant to be set up by KRIBHCO at the existing site of FCI`s Gorakhpur Plant in Uttar Pradesh.

iii) Expansion of Thal Plant of RCF in Maharashtra.

iv) A grassroots urea plant to be set up by IFFCO at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh.

Investment appraisal of these urea projects was undertaken by the PIB in July1999. In June 2000, a proposal for taking a final investment decision on these projects was considered and deferred by the Government. This proposal was formulated taking into account the observations of the PIB regarding the viability of the projects,desirability of encouraging use of liquefied natural gas as feedstock to reduce the incidence of subsidy and the need to stagger implementation of the proposed projects due to limited demand supply gap forecasts.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.107 for answer on 26.2.2002

ANNEXURE

MAJOR FERTILIZER PROJECTS SET UP DURING THE NINTH PLAN PERIOD

SN.No.	Name	Location	Product	Additional Capacity (in lakh TPA)	Month/Year of Commissioning

Already Commissioned

1	Indian Farmers Fert- iliser Cooperative Ltd. Kalol Expansion Project	Kalol,Gujarat	Urea 1.50	August 97
2	Indian Farmers Fert- iliser Cooperative Ltd. Phulpur Expansion Project	Phulpur,UP	Urea 7.26	December 97
3	Madras Fertilizers Limited,Revamp Project	Chennai, Tamil-Nadu	Urea/NPK 0.76/1.84	March, 98
4	Nagarjuna Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. Kakinada Expansion Project.	Kakinada,AP	Urea 4.95	March 98
5	Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd. DAP Expansion Project	Goa	DAP/NPK 1.80/1.50	June 98/November 98
6	Kandla Expansion project of IFFCO	Kandla,Gujarat	DAP/NPK 3.70/2.27	August 99
7	Hind Lever Chemicals Ltd.,	Haldia, West Bengal	DAP/NPK 4.00	April 99
8	Expansion project of Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd., (Ph-II).	Gadepan,Rajthan	Urea 7.75	October 99
9	Indo Gulf Corporation Ltd., (new project)	Dahej, Gujarat	DAP 4.00	October 2000
10	Coromandel Fertilizers Ltd., (NPK expansion project)	Vyzag, A.P	NPK 1.25	July 2000
11	National Fertilizers Ltd.(NFL) (urea plant expansion project),	Nangal,Punjab	Urea 1.48	February 2001
12	Oswal Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (New)	Paradeep, Orissa	DAP/ NPK/NP 15.00/3.20/ 1.00	April 2001
13	Godavari Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. (GFCL)	Kakinada,A.P.	DAP 2.8	Sept. 2001

Under Implementation

1	Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., (DAP Expansion Project)	Sikka,Gujarat	DAP 3.96	April 2002
2	Revamp of Namrup Plants of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC)	Namrup,Assam	Urea 3.80	Oct. 2002